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Tulare County Superior Court Repeals the Emergency Bail Schedule

Pursuant to the March 23, 2020, statewide order of the Chief Justice, the Tulare County Superior Court suspended the previously adopted local bail schedule and adopted the statewide Emergency Bail Schedule in an effort to promote uniformity in the handling of certain offenses during the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upon a majority vote of the counties' judges, effective May 3, 2021, the Court has repealed the application of the emergency or "zero dollar" bail schedule and will return to the previously suspended Tulare County Bail schedule, originally adopted on November 15, 2016.

"The Court is maintaining a careful balance between progressively returning the Court to normal operations and protecting the health, safety and welfare of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Evaluating the relevance and need for Emergency Orders is part of that process. The Court will continue to address issues relating to bail in accordance with the current status of the law, including the recent Supreme Court decision in *People v. Humphrey*," said Presiding Judge, David Mathias.

Court Executive Officer, Stephanie Cameron, added "this is another step in returning the court to normal operations and we are optimistic we will continue to move in that direction as it is determined safe to do so."

The Court will continue to evaluate its emergency orders as statistical trends related to the COVID-19 pandemic are received.

The public may visit the court's website at www.tularesuperiorcourt.ca.gov to view the current Bail Schedule.

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